## **Supporting Information**

## Bio-inspired, robust, and anti-swelling hydrogel sensors for underwater information transmission

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Fig. S1. Diagram of preparation and swelling process of the hydrogels.



**Fig. S2.** Conductivity of the P(AA-LMA)<sub>CTAB</sub>- $Zr^{4+}$ -Eq hydrogels ( $Zr^{4+}$ /AA molar ratio of 3%)

after swelling in deionized water for different days.